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# **County**



# **Connection**

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## Calendar of Events

#### May

7: BOC meet @ 9am

13: Mother's Day

16: Benefits Fair

21: BOC meet @

6:30pm

28: Memorial Day-

No Work

### Tune

4: BOC meet @ 9am

17: Father's Day

18: BOC meet @

6:30pm

21: Summer Begins

### **Thought for May:**

To dream of the person you would like to be is to waste the person you are.

**Anonymous** 

### **Thought for June:**

If no one heeds your call, go forth alone.

Maharishi Mahesh Yogi



### Bizarre Holidays:

5/4: Orange Juice

Day

5/20: Pick Strawber-

ries Day

6/10: Iced Tea Day

6/23: Soap Opera

Day

## Special points of interest:

- 5/16: Benefits Fair at the Parks & Rec.
- 5/25: Pay Day
- 6/22: Pay Day

### Welcome New Employees!!

Karen Fitzpatrick

Library

Deborah Ritchie

DSS



### **Avoiding Outdoor Allergens**

By: Paul Lehnert and Ralph Poore www.cigna.com



Allergic rhinitis causes symptoms of sneezing, congestion, and a runny nose. You can control these symptoms with medicine and by avoiding the things that cause them. If you are allergic to outdoor allergens, here are a few tips on how to take precautions.

To avoid allergens, you need to know what you are allergic to. If you are allergic to outdoor pollens, you may have symptoms only at certain times of the year. If you have symptoms in:

- Spring, you are probably allergic to tree pollens.
- Summer, you are probably allergic to grass and weed pollens.
- Late summer and fall, you probably are allergic to ragweed or other weed pollens, such as tumbleweed or sage.

The following steps can help you avoid pollens:

- Stay inside when pollen levels are high.
- Keep windows and doors closed, both during the day and night.
- Mow your grass often. Use antihistamines before you mow, and wear a pollen or dust mask while you mow.
- Avoid bringing pollen back into your home when you go outdoors.
  - 1. Take a shower and change clothing after your work and play outside.
  - 2. Dry your clothes in a dryer; do not dry them outside on a clothesline.

### Preventing Same-Level Slips/Trips/Falls

By: Randy Cranfill NCIC Representative

### Some things to look for include:



- Unstable, loose, uneven or worn floor surfaces;
- Obstacles blocking people's clear sight of walkways;
- People either not having or not wearing non-slip footwear;
- Floor surfaces which becomes slippery when wet;
- Low levels of light making it difficult to see;
- Slippery, wet, muddy or oily floor surfaces;
- Objects in the path of people.

### Examples of what can be done to stop occurrences from happening:

- Floor surfaces are kept uncluttered;
- Floor surfaces are even, stable and always kept in good condition;
- Non-slip floor surfaces are installed and maintained;
- Replace or repair lighting;
- Messes on floors immediately cleaned up and action taken to prevent any further spills;
- Ramps are made with a gentle slope and are filled with handrails.



Preventing slips, trips, and falls can easily be done when everyone takes ownership.

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- The Caswell 4-H Summer Brochure is out. Caswell 4-H would like to announce their 2007 Summer Fun. There are summer programming available for youth from ages 5 – 18. Please contact the 4-H office at 694-4158 for more information.
- The Health Risk Assessment Gift Card winners were: Kaye Cobb, Pat Mise, Tammy Riggs, Wanda Smith, and Kathy Upchurch.
- The Benefits Fair will be held May 16th at the Caswell County Parks and Rec. Attendees include: 401(k), AFLAC,
  American General, and Ameritas. The Schedule is as follows:

9 - 10am - Presentations

10:00-11:45am - Walk-in

11:45-12:45 pm - Break

1-2pm - Presentations

2:00-3:45pm - Walk-in

An employee suggestion box has been placed in the main hall of the Historic Courthouse under the Wellness/
 Safety Information Board.

### **Employee Birthdays**

Jo Wilson

Sheriff

Improved Dirthuays							
May		June		Mark Matherly	EMS		
Jerri Bowles	911	Brandi Boaz	Coop	Jonathan Miles	EMS		
Gaither Clayton	EMS	Della Brown	Health	Pat Mise	DSS		
Kaye Cobb	Health	Bill Carter	Gov't	Patricia Poteat	Library		
Spencer Farrish	Insp.	Sherri Desormeaux	Deeds	Marie Robinson	DSS		
Karen Fitzpatrick	Library	Brody Dixon	Health	David Shatterly	DSS		
Mable Gunter	Jail	Hilary Dodson	Parks	Bob Shaver	Admin		
Jennifer Holt	DSS	Sharon Ferguson	Health	Lynn Simpson	DSS		
Bobby Johnson	Sheriff	Keith Garner	EMS	Lorraine Snyder	Aging		
Danny Johnson	Parks	Katina Graves	Finance	Erica Standfield	Parks		
Jose Martinez	Parks	Herbert Hagood	Lake	Kevin Vernon	EMS		
Donna Pointer	Sen. Cen.	Garland Halbrook	Sheriff	John Wade	CDOT		
Arnold Rogers	Meals	Nate Hall	Gov't	Brenda Walters	Health		
Jennifer Satterfield	Health	Curtis Harrelson	Parks	Lisa Webster	DSS		
Angel Soyars	Sheriff	Joseph Harris	Health	Kathy Zimmerman	DSS		
Dallas Stephens	Sheriff	Marthann Hooper	Health				
Harry Watlington	Lake	Bernard Jefferys	CDOT				
Whitney Williams	Parks	Sylvia Johnson	Tax				

Evelyn Massey

DSS